## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## 2018 DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the commercial directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, and the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict at 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2018.

The SSEI DSR winter allocation of 37,485 lb. has been taken. The NSEI directed DSR fishery is closing by regulation (5 AAC 28.111) on the day prior to the start of the commercial halibut season. The 2018 commercial halibut fishery season in Alaska is March 24 through November 7. The fall commercial directed DSR fishery will open in NSEI and SSEI on November 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

For additional information regarding the 2018 directed DSR fishery, refer to the ADF&G news releases issued on December 12, 2017, and January 26 and February 3, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0618.

News releases web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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